

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 27 through page 2, line 7, with the following:

We have discovered that the heated and pressurized glutinized raw material and the extruder die head, which usually comprises a stator in the form of a heavy solid metal article made of thermally conductive metal, tend to approach a common equilibrium temperature during operation of the extruder machine. Because of the bulk and the weight of the extruder head stator, it tends to form a heat sink so that ~~it's~~ its retained temperature definitely affects the temperature of the material extruding through the extruder die head gap. If retained thermal energy is at too high a level, the bulk density of the final product will be adversely affected.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 7-12, with the following:

As in the extruder referred to in U.S. Pat. No. ~~6,210,727~~ 6,210,727, the raw material is processed by being extruded through an adjustable die head gap, also under the control of the PLC 19. The extruded material is then discharged as a formed final product to a take-away conveyor 21 driven by a conveyor motor 22 through a conveyor reducer 23.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 13-22, with the following:

As in U.S. Pat. No. ~~6,210,127~~ 6,210,727, the formed product is discharged continuously onto the take-away conveyor 21 which forms a downstream component of the processing stream. The take-away conveyor 21 is reversible and the machine as described has an automatic start-up. The PLC 19 prepares raw material, adjusts the head gap, feeds the raw material, controls the gross temperature of the material and reverses the discharge belt of the take-away conveyor 21 so irregular product is caught in a waste bin 24.